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<b>(54) Title:</b> METHOD OF MAKING POLYMER ELECTROLYTE ELECTROCHEMICAL CELLS		
<b>(57) Abstract</b> <p>The invention relates to a method for the preparation of a polymer electrolyte electrochemical cell using an electrolyte precursor, said precursor comprising one or more solvents, one or more salts and a polymer which dissolves in the solvent at a first temperature (<math>T_{\text{dissol}}</math>) and which is capable of forming a gel on subsequent cooling following heating to a second temperature (<math>T_{\text{gel}}</math>), <math>T_{\text{dissol}}</math> being lower than <math>T_{\text{gel}}</math>, which method comprises: (a) heating the electrolyte precursor to <math>T_{\text{dissol}}</math>; (b) optionally cooling the electrolyte precursor; (c) incorporating the electrolyte precursor into the electrochemical cell; (d) heating the electrochemical cell to <math>T_{\text{gel}}</math>; (e) cooling the polymer electrochemical cell to ambient temperature to bring about gelling of the polymer electrolyte. Preferably the polymer is a homopolymer or copolymer from the group of monomers of vinyl fluoride, vinylidene fluoride, trifluoroethylene, tetrafluoroethylene and hexafluoropropylene.</p>		